Questions and Answers

How many applications were received in grant cycle 1?
In the October 12, 2007 submission period, nearly 200 proposals totaling more than $200 million in requested funds were received.

How many grants were awarded?
A total of 15 proposals were selected, totaling over $6 million in grants.

How were proposals selected?
In selecting finalists, the primary review committee considered and scored each proposal according to the selection criteria listed in the RFP and worked to balance awards among various factors, including geography, service to rural and urban populations, and the funding categories included in the RFP.

It appears that all of the grant awards were well under the $5 million proposal limit. Does that mean organizations asking for smaller grants were favored in the selection process?
The PacifiCare/UnitedHealthcare review committee made its initial scoring decisions according to a specific set of criteria, which did not take into account the amount requested, other than to review the targeted purposes of the amount.

It appears that awards were not granted in all of the permitted categories – why not?
Although applicants were permitted to bid for grants in six categories, the awards were made to those proposals judged to best fulfill the intentions of the overall program. Although in this cycle, the awards fell into only three of the available categories, all six categories remain eligible for application and will continue to be considered in the subsequent award cycles.

Can applicants that were not awarded grants resubmit their proposals in a subsequent review cycle? Can applicants resubmitting their proposals get feedback from PacifiCare/UnitedHealthcare for the purpose of improving their chances?
Applicants may resubmit proposals for subsequent review cycles. However, in order to maintain appropriate impartiality in the review process, specific feedback on proposals cannot be provided.

Applicants may address questions to CACCRFP@phs.com.
The RFP is posted on the www.pacificare.com and www.unitedhealthcare.com Web sites.